

RELATING TO TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

S. J. R. No. 17.]

Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by exempting independent and common school districts from the limitation of a total tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: (Creating a new Section 3)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every inhabitant of this state, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the state and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law.

SEC. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amend-

ment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the Amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law," and all those opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

SEC. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 17 passed the Senate by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 28, nays 0; and passed the House of Representatives with amendments by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 98, nays 7; the Senate concurred in the House amendments by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 22, nays 0.]

Approved March 20, 1919.

PERMITTING PRISONERS TO SHARE IN THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY SYSTEM.

H. J. R. No. 38.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding a new Section thereto to be known as Section 60; providing that the Legislature shall have power to enact laws authorizing a division of the net proceeds arising from the operation of the prison system of this State between the State and prisoners confined in the Penitentiary or their dependents; providing for the submission of a proposed amendment to a vote of the people, and making an appropriation to defray the expense of such election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered Section 60 as follows:

Section 60. The Legislature shall have power to authorize a division of the net profits arising from the operation of the prison system during any one fiscal year between the State of Texas and the prisoners confined in the Penitentiary during said fiscal year or any part thereof, or their dependents in such proportion as the Legislature may deter-